

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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On June 30, 2010, the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) will be closing approximately 20 Community Day Schools and Independent Study school sites located all across the County.

While the school districts where these alternative schools are located are ultimately responsible for providing students with an appropriate schooling option should these schools ultimately be forced to close, the Office of Education and the members of the Board of Education should allow more time to better communicate with school districts and seek any possible alternatives to closing these schools. The fact that many of these schools are running budget deficits is a concern with regard to the fiscal health of the LACOE; however, taking additional time to study the problem and more fully involve school districts finding solutions would be prudent prior to closing the sites.

It is possible, that with the benefit of additional time, the individual school districts and LACOE may be able to find resolutions, including school districts signing new Memorandums of Understanding and paying excess costs in order to keep these targeted school sites open.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors request the Los Angeles MOTION

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County Office of Education and the Board of Education to initiate an immediate and complete moratorium on the closures of any Community Day Schools and Independent Study School sites for a period of at least 30 days and endeavor to work with the local school districts to find solutions to keep these alternative school sites open.

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